

## HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

# INTRODUCTION

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- ORDER

The Department's decision is affirmed.



REASONS

The General Assistance program was created as a stop-gap program to meet household emergency needs. 33 V.S.A. § 2103, Welfare Assistance Manual (WAM) 2600. In the absence of a catastrophic situation, "no general assistance shall be provided in the following situations . . . (2) to any able-bodied individual without minor dependents included in his application." 33 V.S.A. § 2103(a)(2). See W.A.M. 2601.

There is no dispute that the petitioner is able-bodied and that there are no minor dependents. Accordingly, the Department's finding that petitioner is ineligible for General Assistance should be affirmed. 3 V.S.A. § 3091(d), Fair Hearing Rule No. 17.

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